

“(A) an account separate from any other accounts or funds available to the Administrator; and

“(B) available without fiscal year limitation.

“(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts from the Fund shall be available to provide financial assistance under subsection (b).

“(b) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

“(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

“(A) the term ‘adjusted gross income’ has the meaning given the term in section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

“(B) the term ‘eligible household’ means a household—

“(i) for which housing expenses exceed 30 percent of the adjusted gross income of the household in a year; and

“(ii) (I) for which the total assets owned by the household are in an amount that is not greater than 220 percent of the median household income for the State in which the household is located; or

“(II) that has a total household income that is not greater than 120 percent of the area median income for the area in which the household is located; and

“(C) the term ‘housing expenses’ means, with respect to a household, the total amount that the household spends in a year on—

“(i) mortgage payments;

“(ii) property taxes;

“(iii) homeowners insurance; and

“(iv) premiums for flood insurance under the national flood insurance program.

“(2) AUTHORITY.—

“(A) OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The Administrator shall provide a voucher, grant, or premium credit to an eligible household for a year in an amount that, subject to subparagraph (B), is equal to the lesser of—

“(i) the difference between—

“(I) the housing expenses of the household for the year; and

“(II) 30 percent of the adjusted gross income of the household for the year; and

“(ii) the cost of premiums for the household for flood insurance under the national flood insurance program for the year.

“(B) REDUCTION.—The amount of the assistance provided under subparagraph (A) to an eligible household shall be reduced by 1 percent for each percent that the income of the eligible household exceeds 120 percent of the median household income for the State in which the property that is the subject of the assistance is located.

“(3) RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES.—The Administrator may enter into a memorandum of understanding with the head of any other Federal agency to administer paragraph (2)(A).”

(b) DIRECT APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there is appropriated to the Affordability Assistance Fund established under section 1326 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as added by subsection (a) of this section, \$800,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2025 to provide financial assistance under subsection (b) of such section 1326.

#### SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. FORBEARANCE ON NFIP INTEREST PAYMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—During the 5-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury may not charge the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (referred to in this section as the “Administrator”) interest on amounts borrowed by the Administrator under section 1309(a) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4016(a)) that were outstanding as of the date of enactment of this Act, including amounts borrowed after the date of enactment of this Act

that refinance debts that existed before the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) USE OF SAVED AMOUNTS.—There shall be deposited into the National Flood Mitigation Fund an amount equal to the interest that would have accrued on the borrowed amounts during the 5-year period described in subsection (a) at the time at which those interest payments would have otherwise been paid, which, notwithstanding any provision of section 1367 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4104d), the Administrator shall use to carry out the program established under section 1366 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4104c).

(c) NO RETROACTIVE ACCRUAL.—After the 5-year period described in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Treasury shall not require the Administrator to repay any interest that, but for that subsection, would have accrued on the borrowed amounts described in that subsection during that 5-year period.

**SA 2615.** Mr. KELLY (for himself and Ms. LUMMIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 63, strike line 4 and insert the following:

funds apportioned under section 104(b)(1).

“(1) TRUCK PARKING.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—0.7 percent of the amounts provided to each State under section 104(b)(1) for each fiscal year shall be reserved for projects eligible for funding under section 1401 of MAP-21 (23 U.S.C. 137 note; Public Law 112-141) to create, expand, or improve truck parking capacity.

“(2) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the requirement under paragraph (1), in whole or in part, with respect to a State for a fiscal year if the State demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the State has met the commercial motor vehicle parking needs of the State.”

**SA 2616.** Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. RISCH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 80, strike lines 11 and 12 and insert the following:

ignated under section 167(e).”

(7) in subsection (h)(5)(A), by striking “the amount of the funds apportioned to the State for fiscal year 2009 under section 104(h)(2), as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of MAP-21,” and inserting “9 percent of the amount reserved under this subsection”; and

(8) by adding at the end the following:

**SA 2617.** Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Ms. SINEMA) sub-

mitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 2437, strike lines 9 through 18 and insert the following:

(d) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

(1) DEFINITION OF BROKER.—Nothing in this section or the amendments made by this section shall be construed to create any inference that a person described in section 6045(c)(1)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by this section, includes any person solely engaged in the business of—

(A) validating distributed ledger transactions through proof of work (mining), or

(B) selling hardware or software the sole function of which is to permit persons to control a private key (used for accessing digital assets on a distributed ledger).

(2) BROKERS AND TREATMENT OF DIGITAL ASSETS.—Nothing in this section or the amendments made by this section shall be construed to create any inference, for any period prior to the effective date of such amendments, with respect to—

(A) whether any person is a broker under section 6045(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or

(B) whether any digital asset is property which is a specified security under section 6045(g)(3)(B) of such Code.

**SA 2618.** Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title I of division A, add the following:

#### SEC. 115. DRY BULK WEIGHT TOLERANCE.

Section 127 of title 23, United States Code (as amended by section 11515(2)), is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(x) DRY BULK WEIGHT TOLERANCE.—

“(1) DEFINITION OF DRY BULK GOODS.—In this subsection, the term ‘dry bulk goods’ means any homogeneous unmarked non-liquid cargo being transported in a trailer specifically designed for that purpose.

“(2) WEIGHT TOLERANCE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, except for the maximum gross vehicle weight limitation, a commercial motor vehicle transporting dry bulk goods may not exceed 110 percent of the maximum weight on any axle or axle group described in subsection (a), including any enforcement tolerance.”

**SA 2619.** Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mr. TOOMEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY))